

State of Women: A County by County Report on Women and Girls in Massachusetts Hampshire County

Basic Demographics

Female Population

Total: 237,735

Under 21.....	30.08%
21 to 34.....	20.08%
35 to 64.....	36.33%
65 and over.....	13.51%

Households, Year 2000

Total: 55,991

Female householder, no husband present...	9.80%
With children under 6.....	12.17%
With children under 18.....	61.11%

Earnings and Employment

Median Earnings of Full-Time Employees in 1999

Male.....	\$40,676
Female.....	\$31,238

- This is the lowest median income for female workers of any county in the state and \$6,980 less than the Massachusetts average income for female workers.

The Living Wage in 2003

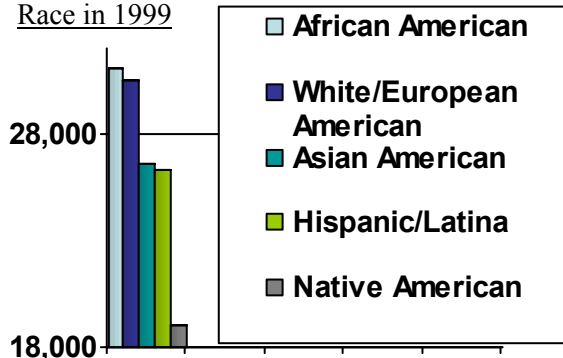
For one Adult and 2 children, one in pre-school and one in elementary school.....\$36,603-39,681

For 2 Adults and 2 children, one in pre-school and one in elementary school.....\$42,844-45,745

Percentage of Women Living in Poverty in 1999

All women.....	8.73%
Girls under 5.....	11.27%
Women over 65.....	7.64%
Families.....	5.10%

Median Earnings for Full-Time, Female Workers by Race in 1999



Employment Status of Women, Year 2000

Employed: 42,931

Unemployed in Labor Force: 2,088

Not in Labor Force: 23,409

- Hampshire County has the largest number of women-owned firms at 32.4%.

Education

Female Educational Attainment in 2000

No High School Diploma.....	10.08%
High School Graduate.....	42.18%
Professional or Associate Degree.....	10.88%
Bachelor's Degree.....	20.46%
Master's Degree.....	13.25%
Doctorate Degree.....	3.14%

2003 Female Public High School

Drop-Out Rate

Massachusetts State Average.....2.79%

Hampshire County Average.....2.40%

Health and Wellness

Reproductive Health

- In 2004, 174 new mothers (5.70%) in Hampshire County were adolescents of age 20 or younger.
- That same year 220 pregnant women (16.90%) did not receive any prenatal care in their first trimester.
- 24.40% of new mothers in Hampshire County utilized publicly funded prenatal care in 2004—a total of 316 women.

HIV and AIDS

- In April of 2000, 20 women were living with HIV or AIDS and 9 women were living with AIDS in Hampshire County.

Smoking

- 18.50% of women in Hampshire County are regular smokers and 25.6% of women reported to be former smokers.
- Between 2001 and 2003, 112 women died from either bronchus or lung cancer.

Political Participation

Females elected to State House: 1 (33.33%)

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